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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Work progresses on Borman Expressway/I-65 interchange improvement**

*The north-west ramp will be closed the early mornings of May 9-10 during bridge work*

GARY, Ind. - The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) reports the Major Moves New Construction interchange improvement project at Interstate 65 and Interstate 80/94 (Borman Expressway) moves forward into the next phase.

Construction began in April and is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2009. This contract – the first of three – involves the construction of new ramps from northbound I-65 to westbound I-80/94 and eastbound I-80/94 to southbound I-65, as well as the rehabilitation of three bridges within those areas.

Over the next two weeks, work by contractor Walsh Construction includes:

- Replacing orange barrels in construction zone with concrete barrier walls
- Clearing right of way
- Median construction between northbound and southbound I-65
- Begin widening roadway at Ridge Road area

During demolition work on the I-65 bridges over the ramp from northbound I-65 to westbound I-80/94, the ramp will be closed for safety reasons from midnight to 5 a.m. May 9 and May 10. Message boards will direct traffic to take the posted wide-load detour to reach westbound I-80/94. The detour directs traffic to take I-80/94 east for approximately 2 miles to State Road 51 (S.R. 51) north to westbound I-80/94 via the clover leaf ramps.

Continuing is the nighttime one-lane restriction of northbound and southbound I-65 north of the north-west connector ramps to I-80/94. Also continuing are the ramp and wide-load restrictions.

Until projected completion in November 2008, the ramp from northbound I-65 to westbound I-80/94 is restricted to one lane with an 11-foot width restriction. A posted wide load detour directs traffic on northbound I-65 wanting to travel west on I-80/94 to take I-80/94 east for approximately 2 miles to State Road 51 (S.R. 51) north to westbound I-80/94 via the clover leaf ramps.

Until projected completion in November 2007, the ramp traveling from eastbound I-80/94 to southbound I-65 will be restricted to one lane with an 11-foot width restriction. A posted wide load detour directs traffic on eastbound I-80/94 wanting to travel south on I-65 to continue east on I-80/94 for approximately 2 miles to S.R. 51 north to westbound I-80/94 to southbound I-65.

The speed limit has been reduced to 45 mph on the interstates and to 40 mph on the ramps through the work zone. INDOT reminds drivers to use caution and keep in mind worker safety while driving through construction zones.

Future work to take place this summer will include restrictions on the Ridge Road ramps to and from I-65. More information will be announced as construction progresses.

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For more information, visit the Borman Expressway Web site at <http://www.in.gov/dot/div/specialprojects/borman/index.html>.

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